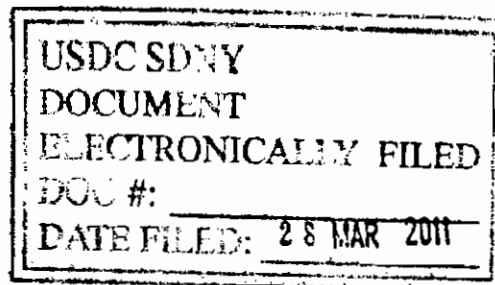


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**BY FACSIMILE [(212) 805-0426]**The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007**MEMO ENDORSED**Re: United States v. Daniel Valdez,  
S12 10 Cr. 905 (LTS)

Dear Judge Swain:

This letter is in regard to the above-entitled case, in which I have been appointed to advise Defendant Daniel Valdez with respect to the potential conflict of interest his lawyer, Peter S. Smith, Esq., might have. The Court scheduled the next hearing on this matter for Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at 3 p.m. However, due to the volume of relevant materials I need to review, and discuss with Mr. Valdez in sufficient detail, it is respectfully requested that the hearing be adjourned for at least one week. I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Amie Ely, who has informed me that the government consents to this request. Similarly, I have spoken to Mr. Smith, who consents as well.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the hearing be adjourned for at least one week. Also, I will not be available April 7, 2011, or April 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Amie Ely  
Assistant United States Attorney

Peter S. Smith, Esq.

*The conference is adjourned to April 11, 2011, at 12:00pm.***SO ORDERED.**

NEW YORK, NY

  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

Mar 28, 2011 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE